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# Seat Pleasant News

*"A Smart City of Excellence"*

## 2017 Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City, Maryland

The annual Maryland Municipal League Conference held in Ocean City, Maryland Conference is a conference that facilitates municipalities spread across the state of Maryland to come learn about and discuss municipal issues and to network with fellow city and town officials. By participating in the Maryland Municipal League Conference, it's an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and build skills that improves abilities to serve the citizens who elected political figures. The Maryland Municipal League allowed the City of Seat Pleasant to host the first ever Tedx Style Talk presentation presented by the honorable Mayor Eugene W. Grant. Mayor Grant's presentation was entitled, "Smart Cities: How Small Municipalities Can Lead the Way." Throughout the nation and the world, cities are harnessing the latest technologies to enhance sustainable economic growth and improve the quality of life for residents. Mayor Grant used Seat Pleasant as an example of one city that is developing itself into a Small Smart City.

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"Seat Pleasant is the **FIRST** small Smart City in the state of Maryland"

*-Mayor Eugene W. Grant*



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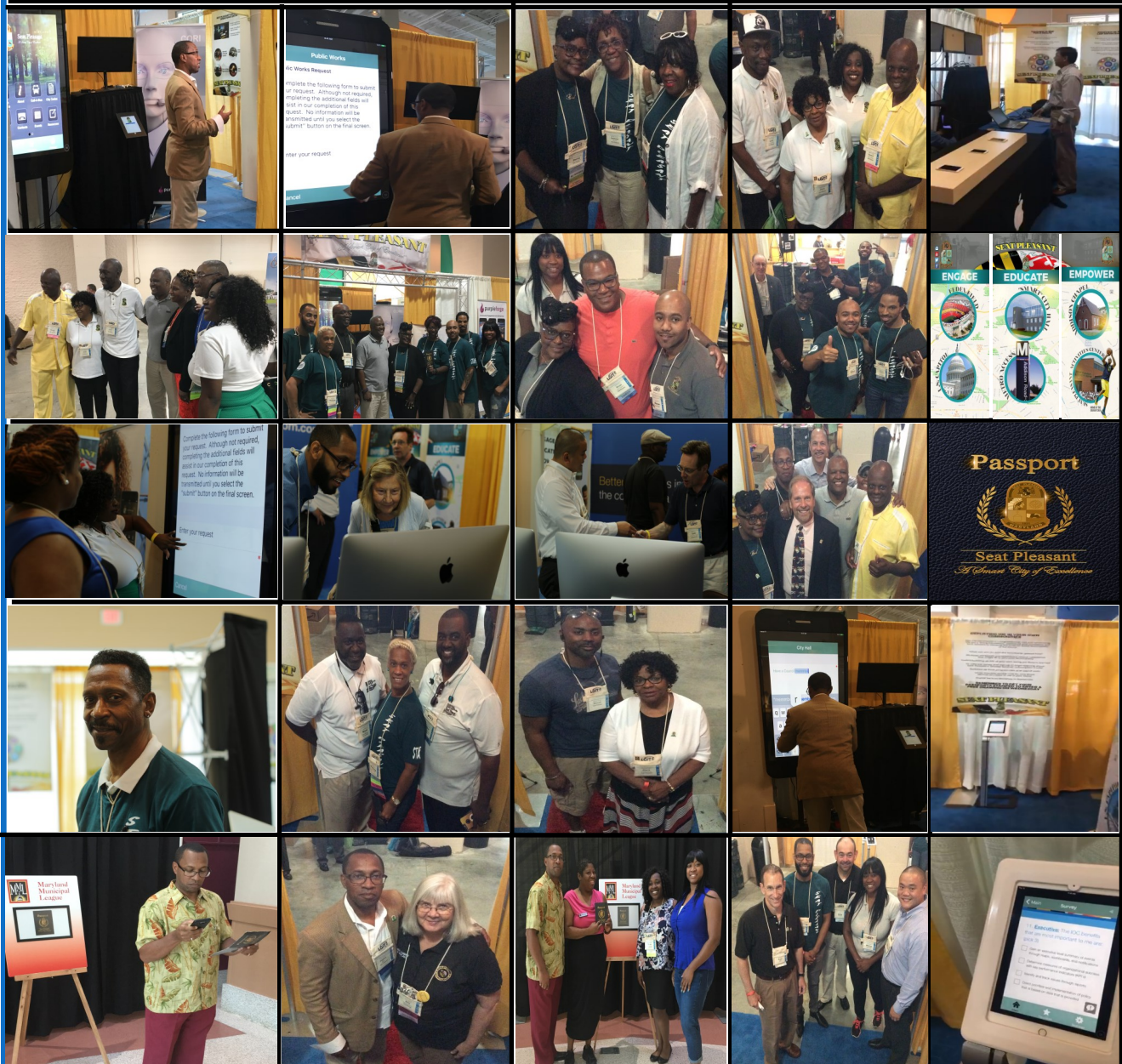
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## 2017 Maryland Municipal League Conference Seat Pleasant Exhibit Booth

In addition to the Tedx Talk at the 2017 Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City, Maryland, the City of Seat Pleasant displayed an immaculate exhibit booth. This year the exhibit displayed all of the innovative initiatives that the City is undergoing under the vision and direction of the honorable Mayor Eugene W. Grant. The City of Seat Pleasant erected an innovative and interactive exhibit that introduced Smart City innovations they are using. With their strategic partners from IBM and Apple conference delegates were able to interface with a 6' iPhone displaying the City of Seat Pleasant's app, interact with a voice controlled app to ask questions about the city and learn about citizen interfacing. Additionally, conference delegates were able to learn about services through the Intelligent Operations Center (IOC) which serve as the backbone and hub for the city's Smart City. The City Council and Seat Pleasant staff were able to attend classes and workshops where they were able to learn new and transferrable information and sharpen their skills to better serve the community. Some classes and workshops included *Municipal Budgeting, Grants, Emergency Preparedness and Enhancing Neighborhoods Through Rental Property Regulation*.



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THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PRESENTS

**KEVIN DURANT DAY**

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### **Expect Road Closures**

Expect road closures on August 17th on Seat Pleasant Drive starting at midnight from Hill Road all the way down to Addison Road. The streets that will be effected by the parade road closures will be: Peppermill Drive, Jadeleaf Avenue, Ivyleaf Avenue, Hedgeleaf Avenue, Goldleaf Avenue, Fernleaf Avenue, Joplin Street, Carmody Hills Drive, Dateleaf Avenue, Cedarleaf Avenue, Birchleaf Avenue, Ashleaf Avenue, 71st Street, 70th Place, 70th Street, 69th Place, James Farmer Way, Eads Street, Crown Street and Addison Road.

If you live within the areas that will be effected by the road closure, please plan accordingly and find alternative routes on August 17th. Unauthorized vehicles will be prohibited from entering into the closed areas. More details will be posted within the effected neighborhoods and to residential homes and businesses.

### **Parade Route**

The Parade will begin at 10:00am at Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School and will travel across Hill Road to Seat Pleasant Drive and will turn left on Addison Road and will end at Goodwin Park at 11:00am.

### **Festival**

The Festival will incorporate a concert that will begin at 11:00am and will end at 4:00pm, multiple food vendors as well as product/service vendors will be in participation. During this time musical entertainment will be available for spectators to enjoy throughout

Goodwin Park.

### **Spectators**

**No one will be permitted in Goodwin Park for the Festival without an Eventbrite Ticket.**

**Search "Kevin Durant Day" on Eventbrite or go to [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov)**



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"Best of luck to a few of our Seat Pleasant officers who are in an intense Police Bicycle School.  
#SPPD#communitypolicing  
#smartcity #change



# Home Safety Tips for Seniors



## Watch out for Telemarketer Scams Seniors. Examples are:

1. **The fake accident ploy** – The con artist claims the senior's child or another relative is in the hospital and needs money, requiring the distraught party to wire or send money for immediate assistance.
2. **Charity scam** – Typically after a natural disaster, scam artists pose as a fake charity to prey upon sympathy and an urgent need for disaster recovery relief efforts.
3. **The pigeon drop** – The scammer informs the individual that he/she has encountered a large sum of money and is willing to share it if the person will make a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from their bank account. Sometimes a second con artist is involved, posing as a banker or attorney, or another trustworthy stranger.

**FUNERAL SCAM** – THE FBI WARNS OF A PLOY WHERE SCAMMERS READ OBITUARIES AND/OR ATTEND THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF A COMPLETE STRANGER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRIEVING WIDOW OR WIDOWER. THE SCAMMER CALLS THE VICTIM WITH A CLAIM THAT THE DECEASED HAD AN OUTSTANDING DEBT WITH THEM.

## TELEPHONE SCAM PREVENTION TIPS:

- Register your home telephone number on the National "Do Not Call" Registry at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)
- Obtain the caller's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before considering a transaction
- Inform telephone solicitors you refuse to respond to an offer before seeing everything in writing
- Never give credit card, bank, or any other personal information over the phone
- Do not answer phone calls from unrecognizable numbers

Be cautious of unsolicited offers and claims of "free gifts" or "prizes"



Bulky Trash Collection is provided by appointment only. To request Bulky Trash collection, residents must call Bates Trucking at 301-773-2069 by Tuesday, no later than 2 p.m. to have bulk trash picked-up on Wednesday.

This service is free of charge, however, there is a three (3) item limit.

If the homeowner fails to place items at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day and the items are not picked up, the homeowner will have to reschedule for collection the following week.

Regular Pick-up trash collection in the City of Seat Pleasant is handled by Bates Trucking. Residents should place their refuse containers at the front curb by 6:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday. Refuse will be collected between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. When placing out to be picked up please: put the required covered trash containers between the curb and sidewalk, or by the street, after dark the night before or prior to 7:00 a.m. on the correct collection day. Please ensure that the cover of the trash container is tightly closed



## Non-Emergency Dispatch

**The non-emergency dispatch is available  
24/7 at 301-352-1200**

- To report incidents that requires the non-emergency dispatch of Police, **Fire**, EMS or Sheriff personnel
- To report a non-threatening suspicious person, vehicle, or situation
- A loud party or noise complaint
- A parking violation
- Vandalism or property damage
- Traffic accident where there is no personal injury
- To report that you were a victim of a crime that happened in the past and the suspect is no longer on the scene

## Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week

The second Sunday of August to the following Saturday is designated as Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week each year. That means qualifying apparel and footwear \$100 or less, per item, are exempt from the state sales tax. Accessory items are not included.



**The Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week for 2017 is  
Sunday, August 13-Saturday, August 19.**

## Planet Fitness Opens in Seat Pleasant



Planet Fitness has found a new home in Seat Pleasant at 6302 Central Avenue, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743. The facility is open 24 hours a day and residents and health conscious members are enjoying the brand new facility. Join for \$1 down and as low as \$10 per month. Enjoy a great environment with personal trainers, cardio machines, circuit machines, tanning beds and massage chairs.



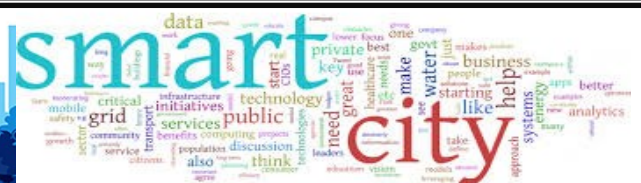
This month honors something very important in our lives – water quality. It's National Water Quality Month, so it's a good time to understand where your source water comes from so you can successfully protect its quality.

Water that goes into your home comes from one of two places – either it comes from surface water (lakes, rivers, reservoirs) or from groundwater. It's important to know your water source because protecting it from contamination like pollution and trash can help the quality of water that comes into your home.



Here are some ways you can protect your source water which will protect your water quality. The following suggestions are from Earth Gauge:

- Don't over-water your lawn. Over-watering can increase the flow of fertilizers deep into soils and eventually groundwater supplies, which are an important drinking water source. Walk on your lawn to find out if it is thirsty – if your footprints remain, it is time to water.
- Wait for dry weather. Check the forecast before applying fertilizers, pesticides and other lawn care chemicals.
- Pick up trash and pet waste. Make sure your trash always goes in the trash can or recycle bin. Put pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet. When walking your dog, try to stay away from streams and other waterways. Walk your pet in grassy areas instead.
- Use rain barrels. Rain barrels are a great way to catch rain water off running off of your roof. Instead of flowing to the storm drain, the water collected can be used to water garden plants or wash windows and cars. Be sure to check local regulations before installing a rain barrel – some areas have laws that prohibit them.







The City is constructing a newer, more modern City Hall facility, as well redeveloping the Public Works building that is technologically advanced. This project is completely funded through a development loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The City Council designated Seat Pleasant as a “Smart City” with an “Innovation Village.” As a Smart City, Seat Pleasant will offer services that are better, faster and more personalized, making it a City for Me using information and communication technology with the Internet of Things.

The Smarter City initiative for Seat Pleasant will employ cloud-based “internet of things” (IOT) and cognitive computing capabilities that collect Big Data and are affordable by Small Town USA, where 80% of Americans live. Remember, Data Drives Decisions! For example, the Smart City Initiative will provide free Wi-Fi Internet within the City, set up accelerators and business incubators for aspiring entrepreneurs, and focus on bringing innovative ideas across a broad spectrum of age groups.

As a City focused on capturing as much “Big Data” as possible, the new City Hall will feature an Intelligent Operations Center (IOC). This Center will be able to capitalize on new insights, create system-wide efficiencies and collaborate in new ways with business and citizen participation. Economic prosperity through citizen involvement is an achievable goal, as the City takes a more hands-on and proactive approach to development.

With the Smart City and Innovation Village model, Seat Pleasant will position itself to attract entities that will help to bolster its economic growth. It will leverage technology and inventive development to attract private sector investments; thereby creating an opportunity to invigorate the local economy.

## **VACANT HOUSES & PROPERTIES**

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF ADDRESSING VACANT HOUSES AND PROPERTIES IN SEAT PLEASANT.

IF ANY ONE HAS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A VACANT HOUSE OR PROPERTY ON THEIR STREET OR IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASE CONTACT THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY HALL AND ASK FOR MR. WEYIMI AYU, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT

(301) 336-2600 OR BY EMAIL AT  
weyimi.ayu@seatpleasantmd.gov

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# City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action

## Office of the City Clerk

### July 2017

#### **Monday, July 10, 2017-Regular Work Session**

Resolution R-18-01 Consent to Council Recess **Approved 6-0-0**

Resolution R-18-02 Designation of Hall of Fame and Kevin Durant Day **Approved 6-0-0**

#### **Monday, July 10, 2017- Public Session**

The Meeting Minutes for the month of June were approved on July 10, 2017

The City Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Hope Love to fill the vacancy for Ward II for Councilmember

#### **Monday, July 17, 2017-Special Session**

Hope Love was sworn-in as the Councilmember for Ward II

The City Council will be on recess for the month on August, 2017. The City Council will resume meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017. The Regular Work Session will be held at 6:00p.m., and the Public Session will be held immediately following the Regular Work Session at 7:00p.m.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

### **Congratulations to Councilmember Hope Love of Ward II!!**

Councilmember Hope Love, Ward II, was appointed by the City Council on Monday, July 10, 2017 to fill the remaining term.

She is native of Washington, DC and moved in the City of Seat Pleasant, A Smart City of Excellent in 2002. She has developed a relationship with many of her neighbors; especially the senior citizens whom she affectionately refers to as the “rock” of the neighborhood.

Ms. Love learned early on the importance of work ethic and has mastered longevity in the workplace. She has over 45 years of experience, working for agencies such as the United States Postal Service, The Washington Post, and Amtrak. While at Amtrak, Hope works as a crew dispatcher. She believes her skills as communications personnel, responsible for transmitting pure and reliable messages, has prepared her to engage her residents in ways that have never been done before.

Ms. Love is an active member of the Way of the Cross Church, where she is the Director of the Gospel Chorus Choir, the Seat Pleasant Citizens for Public Safety Advisor Council, and has also served

Councilmember Love chairs the Human Services, Finance & Budget and Public Works and Transportation

two terms as an elected board member of her union. Health and Education Committee, a member of the Finance & Budget Committees.



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